

REMARKS

In an Office communication dated June 9, 2008, pending claims 1-17 and 40-56 were allowed, claims 18, 21, 26, and 33-35 were rejected, and claims 19, 20, 22-25, 27-32 and 36-39 were objected to based on their dependencies upon a rejected base claim.

Independent claim 18 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of previously presented claim 28, which was indicated as allowable but for its dependency on claim 18. Amended claim 18 and its dependent claims 19-32 are thus allowable over the art of record.

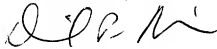
Similarly, independent claim 33 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of previously presented claim 37, which was indicated as allowable but for its dependency on claim 33. Amended claim 33 and its dependent claims 34-39 are thus allowable over the art of record.

Claims 28 and 37 have been canceled, claims 29-31 have been amended to depend on claim 18, and claims 38-39 have been amended to depend on claim 33.

The present amendments are presented to place the current application in condition for allowance. Applicant therefore respectfully requests entry of the present amendments and issuance of a notice of allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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